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ARMY PROMOTIONS.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT recommendations in the annual report of Secretary of War Root has all but escaped public notice. was his earnest suggestion that hereafter commissions in the army be givon only to men who have served in the ranks. This, of course, is not intended to exclude graduates from the military academy at West Point, because those young men have the rank second lieutenant when they leave plainant is for the present denied."

Secretary Root aims at the practice of appointing sons of Somebodies from civilian life whose only claim is their father's pull. The secretary wants a aw passed making it impossible to His position is well taken. Before a man is qualified to command other men should have had some experience in the ranks of the commanded,

He should have had at least a year or two, perhaps more, among the private soldiers. In this way he can arrive at an understanding of their needs that could be reached in no other way. Another argument in favor of Secretary Root's idea is that its adoption would improve the esprit du corps of

been through more than one campaign, who has roughed it in season and out of season, is surely entitled to more consideration than some rank outsider with a political "pull." The sergeant annot be blamed if discouragement vertakes him when civilians are placed in authority over him, notwithstandmilitary tactics in five minutes than they can learn in a year.

If a reasonable certainty of prom ficers of the army their work cannot | ous duties more cheerfully and in other ways will show their appreciation of the changed conditions.

Congress is not likely to surrender political debts at the expense of the gle, but if a proper amount of sentiment can be created congress can be The Herald hopes Secretary Root will be successful in his law referred to.

sannot truthfully say that its progress | world has ever known. has been retarded by that amusement We believe every boy and girl should

know how to dance. It tends to make everybody to carry a concealed deadly

form of amusement. A boy might anarchist has fired two shots at the play football or baseball or any king of Belgium." "The king of Belother game to excess and be serious work. That chist or by anybody else." old standby of the austere, croquet, can be overdone. Croquet, by the way, offers more inducements to cheating, it causes more bad feeling and harsh anguage, expressed or repressed, than timost all the rest combined.

Girls whose instincts are naturally good, who have had a proper home training, are not hurt by dancing, And certainly both boys and girls are better off dancing under the eyes of their parents or chaperons than they would be if left entirely to their own devices. We can speak with absolute certainty for the boys, at any rate, and we believe this is true of the

AMEND THE COMMISSION.

IS BARELY POSSIBLE that the sonnel of the interstate commerce n needs some amending as laws by which the commismed. A recent decision by Commissioner Fifer, in by his fellow mem is conclusion. The case Shippers' union of inst the Atchison, Railroad company. ust discrimination e matter of rates, ved before the ates from New han one-third

Arizona cities. Indeed, the railroad figures. Really, though, they should be company didn't go to the trouble of given plenty of time. It will take them denying a fact that was so easily sus-

eptible of proof. In its decision the commission aditted the justice of the complaint. It lso took cognizance of the railroad atno competition in Phoenix that amounts anything it has the right to fix rates our Charley. as it pleases. That is, in railroad parance, it can charge "all the traffic will bear." On shipments to Los Angeles and San Francisco the all-water rate omes in competition with the all-rail ite, making it possible for coast merhants to secure their goods at far less xpense than merchants hundreds of

illes inland.

miles inland.

And the commission evades the issue thusly:

The system of rate making common to nearly, if not all, the transcontinental railways operating in the sparsers.

Toc.i by settled western country between the prairies and the sea, is of so long standing, having prevailed since the beginning of rail transportation to the present time, and is a policy so fixed, so nearly universal, as to require in its modification the amendment of practically all tariffs in that great belt, the upsetting of the system of rates on every line and at every station—a proceeding so revolutionary as would introduce infinite confusion, and perhaps to that its leaves the six of the store six o

THE PERPETUAL MOTION crank, like the poor, we seem to have always with us. One of these modern Mulberry Sellers appeared in a Pennsylvania city the other day and announced that he had solved the problem. To prove it he exhibited a management of the railroad being built through Cajaca and incidentally saved the life of an Indian woman. In or three terms of enlistment, who has sylvania city the other day and anem. To prove it he exhibited a machine that ran beautifully-while the capitalists interested by the inventor were looking. They had about made up their minds to invest when a hardneaded man of science came along. He was one of those skeptics who have to was one of those skeptics who have to be "showed" before they will believe anything. He suggested that it would be a good idea for the inventor to take the machine apart so everybody could see the wheels go round. The crank see the wheels go round. The crank is the store and show it to be a see the wheels go round. see the wheels go round. The crank didn't take kindly to the notion. He ventured the suggestion that if the prospective investors saw the inner would obtain the stone and show it to his wife. For some unexplained reason his wife. For some unexplained reason that take kindly to the notion. He that the wife must be alone when the emerald was produced, that it was yielded, though much to the doctor's the privates and non-commissioned of- didn't take kindly to the notion. He more interest in it, will perform ardu- works of the machine they might go out and build a lot of their own,

ver, and at the last moment he declined to let the negotiations go any its chance for the payment of private further. He is probably hunting for "easier" people right now. The army and the nation without a strug- | Herald hopes he will be a long time finding them. The theory of perpetual motion has cost more money and transformed more sane people into lunaties than any other mechanical noefforts to secure the passage of the tion that has yet found lodgment in the

It is a pretty generally recognized fact that there is no such thing as perpetual motion; that is, that can be are told that the earth revolves condinging in some strictures on dancing. He says that elephants and other animals have been taught to dance and that the monkey beats even human beings when it comes to graceful flinging of the "light fantastic." Therefore men and women ought not to fance. The preacher is entitled to his opinion, but young people of both sexes

| An inventor might fashion a ma| It is a pretty generally recognized fact that there is no such thing as fact that there is no such thing as perpetual motion; that is, that can be worked out by the brain of man. We are told that the earth revolves continually and that it has been revolving since the beginning of time. Stars in the monkey beats even human being whatever to do with the fore men and women ought not to fance. The preacher is entitled to his opinion, but young people of both sexes

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better all the time. We won't go so wear out. Nothing stands the test of tar as to say that the world's progress time and nothing ever will, not even has been helped by dancing but we the reputations of the best men the

A bill which, if passed, will permit

And that may be said of any dispatches are most interesting: "An gium was not fired upon by an anar

A man with a head for figures is busy proving that poor people have more hildren than rich people. He is wasting his time figuring out something everybody already knew. Poor peo

ple have more dogs. The work of laying the new Pacific auspicious circumstances. We may be able to send a message to Manila within a year if we can save up enough

President Smith thinks church titles are used with too much freedom. Apostle Smoot evidently thinks the same thing, for he is anxious to give everybody a chance to call him senator.

The was a prominent educator.

"He isn't. He was an insurance agent and he can coax money out of a stone walk." body a chance to call him senator.

J. Pierpont Morgan and other bankers have raised a fund of \$50,000,000 to be loaned in emergency cases. That ought to help a lot of people to fill the Christmas stockings.

Our old friend Corianton is soon to be with us again. It is understood that a strong gold solution was neces

This is the season when papa can honestly say he is not sorry Christmas come but once a year.

(Claveland Plain Deplement Company of the can't be denied that I am able to make a little money go a long way."

An Inquiring Mind. come but once a year.

The coal operators have been inrates from the formed by the arbitration commission and other that they will have to hurry with their the

escaping an adverse verdict.

For the benefit of many interested readers we desire to say that the Quigorney's plea that as the Santa Fe has ley who is mentioned as a possible successor to Archbishen Feehan is not

GUARDED AS A TALISMAN.

Mexican Indians Have the World's Most Precious Emerald.

and interests whose claims are entitled to consideration, and as yet unheard, that it is impossible in this connection to finally dispose of the conflicting interests without more extended investigation and consideration; and, therefore, the relief prayed for by complainant is for the present denied."

In other words, it is unfair and unjust for the railroads to exact excessive freight rates for Arizona—and the same principle is carried into effect in Utah—but it would be so much trouble for

but it would be so much trouble for the companies to revise their schedules that the commission will not order them to do so. In effect, the commission declares that a wrong becomes a right after it has been practiced for a certain length of time.

Is the conclusion that the commission needs an infusion of new blood not justified?

PERPETUAL MOTION.

ald from them.

Upon this prolonged consultation ensued among the Indians, the result of which was that from afar off in the result of which was that from afar off in the crowd one of them held up at arm's length between his forefinger and thumb the famous emerald, scintillating in the rays of the sun. Diaz was destrous of a closer inspection and turning to his guards, ordered the man to be brought to him. His actions, if not his words, were at once considered by the Indians to be suspicious. So they promptly raised a tumult and amid shouts of "Viva Porfirio Diaz!"

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saved the life of an Indian woman. In her gratitude this woman begged to be allowed to make some recompense, as the American doctor had refused to ac-cept a fee. But half in jest he replied that if she would show him the Oajaca emerald he would be satisfied. At this the woman seemed greatly disturbed. She at first declared she knew nothing about it but on being pressed further

emerald was produced, that it was yielded, though much to the doctor's disappointment.

So one morning shortly afterward the Indian woman appeared at the physician's temporary residence. She made sure that the doctor's wife and herself were alone, then she produced the emerald from a fold of her clothing. For about a minute only was the doctor's wife permitted to inspect the gem while it was held securely in the Indian woman's fingers. In size, according to the fortunate visitor's account, the stone is as large as a pigeon's egg, crudely polished and of a rich grass-green color. In its depths she noticed a few black spots or flaws, which goes far to prove that it is a genume emerald and not volcanic glass, as has been suggested. The purest emeralds are seldom without flaws, this being one of the tests taken into account by experts.

EXAMPLE OF BREVITY.

Editor's Suggestion to an Enthusiastic Correspondent. "Be brief," is a standing order on all

"Column story on—. Shall I send?"
The answer arrived promptly: "Send six hundred words.' This, to the enthusiastic correspondent, was depressing.
"Can't be told in less than 1,200," he

wired back
Then came this reply: "Story of creation of world told in 600. Try it."

Feelings Mutual. (Washington Star.) 'Did you get any bears on your hunt

"No, we didn't get any bears. But the The work of laying the new racine trip was a success nevertheless. The guide assured us that he had every reasuspicious circumstances. We may son to believe the bears were more scared than we were."

Qualified.

(Washington Times.) President Smith thinks church titles dent for the college. He's had so much

The Ruse Worked.

(New York Times.) She was inclined to be sentimental.

He was nothing if not practical.

"Would that you could tell me how to nend a broken heart." She said.

"I have known of cases where it has seen done by splicing." he replied.

That was the remedy tried in this case.

Proved.

(Chicago Evening Post.)

An Inquiring Mana.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

"Say, ma, here's a hard one for you,"

"Weil, Georgie, what is it?"

"If a boy was killed by a Krupp canica, would it be right to say he lied of

ociety &

One of the most beautifully ar-One of the most beautifully arranged luncheous ever given at the Knutsford was that yesterday at which Mrs. Perry S. Heath was the hostess. Not only were the decorations of the most artistic, but they were absolutely unique, and the whole was carried out with the most skilful arrangement possible. The table, which was T-shaped, was spread in the green ordinary, and was a picture in its decorations of red and green. Two large mounds of maidenhair ferns were studded thickly with butterflies of pink satin ribbon, and all over the board were handsome silver candelabra with shades of pink and green alternating. Favors for each guest

Idaho are occupying the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clinton, 126 A street, The Cleofan will meet this afternoon with Mrs. Selden I. Clawson and the

will be in Mr. and Mrs. G. Lavignino are back from a two years' sojourn in Europe, and are again at home at 745 East

Mrs. S. H. Pinkerton is in Los Angeles, having been called there again by the serious illness of her mother.

Mrs. A. B. Lawrence by Mrs. A. B. Lawrence has returned

from the east after spending the past year visiting friends there. Miss Clara Hall, who is at school in Colorado, will spend the holidays at her home in this city.

The Fort Douglas Social club will give a dance tomorrow evening.

The P. E. O. society meets this aftrnoon with Mrs. Christy.

CASHED HIS RETURN COUPON. Devotee of Poker Takes a Long Chance on the Other Side. (New York Evening Telegram.)

Here is the latest they are telling: It concerns a well known patron of the sports, who has an insatiable appetite

will hardly agree with him.

Under proper and reasonable restrictions dancing is as innocent a form of amusement as can be imagined. It has been indulged in since the world was young and yet the world has grown between the world was young and yet the world has grown between the time. We won't go so will fashion a machine which would run without appartions that the stone is not secreted in any place. The general belief is "The severe lines in the good saint's ban wood dealers to see how large z "acc relaxed.

"You might find a game down belief is or you know, has any require. If such is the case the woman must have obtained the gem by steach on the place, but is concealed on the person of one of the Indians and passed on as to find out at what figure he valued it low, he answered slowly.

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"You are too good a man for that,' was the reply. 'However, there is the tent it was in her possession she adoubtless in no little danger of the case the woman must have obtained the gem by acc price relaxed.

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"It seems that one of the biggest of the Boston coal companies had been cornering the firewood market, and with

"queried the editor of a New York money down here."

daily:
"'What sort of a graft do you think

'How in the world-or I should say, how in hades—did you manage to break off that wad?" he gasped. "'I'm a man of resources," said Myer pompously. 'I sold my return cou-pon.'"

HE WHO WRITES THE FABLES. A Study of George Ade, the Young Playwright and Author.

(Kansas City Star.)

The success of George Ade, or "Fables in Slang", Ade, as he is sometimes called, as a playwright has been as rapid and unexpected as that of his adventure into the domain of literature, for his fables are beyond cavil literature of a vital quality.

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Although he has succeeded far beyond his wildest dreams of his first years in newspaper business, success has not spoiled George Ade. He is still the unaffected, modest, loyal, warm-hearted boy that first reached Chicago from the wilds of Indiana, and while in his fables he betrays an insight of the shams of life which at times almost amounts to cynicism, he never allows it to creep into his life. Ade is so retiring that few people have any idea of his personality, and the accompanying photographs are the first, beyond a conventional bust picture, which he has ever allowed to be taken.

He is about six feet one or two inches tifil, of bark, almost swarthy skin and coal black hair, which is just beginning in the faintest degree to be touched with gray. His eyes are black and his teeth

of his work. So it is that Mr. Ade is not an easy man to interview—about hirself. But whatever he says must have some merit among the many thousands who read his work and admire the man. Mr. Ade's slang is wholly lacking in brutality and is laugh-compolling in its breezy impudence. Slang he regards as a vital expression of the mental and material condition of society, just as an anthropologist would regard the manner of eating and things eaten by a race of people. This sober statement is sustained by the insight into human nature and motives which Mr. Ade at all times displays. His usual note, however, is of good-natured railiery, as one realizes the bitterness of things, but whose heart is touched by it all, as he himself smiles and compels you to smile.

Like all effective humorists, George Ade at bottom is a serious young man. Too well he knows what a sad comedy life is, and yet it is due to his quick instructive sympathy that he brightens it with smiles, makes it flash with good-natured sarcasm and presents its lessons to all in a homely garb. When he wrote his first.

was when he wrote "The Sultan of Sulu," his first play.

It succeeded in spite of him, and now he is under contract to write for the stage for the next five years, at terms which would have seemed fabulous to him thirteen years ago, when, as a gangly sort of youth, he went from Indiana to Chicago and became a reporter on the Chicago Dally News, at which time Eugene Field illuminated the editorial page with his constellations.

Chicago's seamy side, was a man or infinite resource in turning out expressive verbal grotesques.

Ade was a human dry plate. Everything that came within his focus was mentally kedaked and no detail was too small to escape him. He was probably one of the most earnest and hard working reporters that ever labored in that city of hard-worked newspaper men. His own personality was in all that he did. And that is the quality, that counts for more than mere fancy writing. He embodied ideas and fancies that in turn aroused others in the reader. He was at all times the student. His pale, slender face and his nervous hands denoted it. But when he smiled his look of preoccupation gave way to an expression of keen wit and appreciation that had in it something of the exhibaration of a tonic.

They have some curious weather in Chicago and it furnishes a subject which is full of wonder to the outsider. George Ade's first story that "showed" was on the weather. It was brief, but had in it

Chicago and it furnishes a subject which is full of wonder to the outsider. George Ade's first story that "showed" was on the weather. It was brief, but had in it a snap and originality that astounded the weather weary sharps in the office. So much for a fresh, sympathetic imagination, united to a natural sense of h mor. Even then, Mr. Ade's friends deciare, he was "scheduled and due to arrive in shape." Which, indeed, he has done.

Ade was born in 1866, in the little town of Kentland, ind., where his father owned the village bank. He was graduated from the village bank. He was graduated from the village school and then took the course at Purdue university at Lafayette, graduating in 1858, and then went up to Chicago and went on the city reportorial staff of the News. That this was a good school for budding literary genius, the list of celebrities of today who are graduates from its staff proves most conclusively. Eugene Field, Finley Peter Dunne (Mr. Dooley), Frank Vanderlip, formerly assistant secretary of the treasury and now vice president of the City bank of New York; John McCutcheon and many more are among them.

A REPORTER'S RISE TO RICHES.

One Deserving Beneficiary of the Great Advance in Coal Prices.

low, he answered slowly.

"'Oh, but I shouldn't care to remain down there, you know,' said Myer.

"'You are too good a man for that,' was the reply. 'However, there is the elevator. I might give you a ticket with a return coupon and permit you to go down and find cut for yourself.

"Soon he was on the elevator whizzing down and down and down until the "lift" bumped near the main entrance of Herr Pluto's permanent pyrotechnic exhibition.

"Sure enough, there was a poker game going full blast like the adjacent furnaces, and Myer joyfully demanded permission to 'sit in.'

"Where's your money?" inquired the firewood market, and with one exception every woodyard within a twenty-five-mile radius of the Hub had sold its wood supply to the company in question. Here the reporter found a man who had 1,000 cords of wood in his yard which he was willing to sell at \$6 a cord. The reporter promptly gave him a ten-day promissory note for the option of the entire stock at that price, and then took the first that the first that the entire left of wood for \$10 a cord. The coal time left of wood for \$1

them more graceful, more comfortable in society and affords no end of legitimate enjoyment. True, a knowledge of dancing doesn't make a boy better narily careful about the language they of dancing doesn't make a boy better narily careful about the language they a certain beginner in journalism picked up in a southern town what seemed to "Myer's face fell."

The Saturday Evening Post says that a certain beginner in journalism picked up in a southern town what seemed to "Myer's face fell."

"Money!" he repeated. "Why, I "Money!" he repeated. "Money on Monday night that the deal was "Myer's face fell.
"'Money!" he repeated. 'Why. I haven't any. I didn't know you needed money down here.
"'What sort of a graft do you think I'm conducting, any way?" retorted Herr Pluto, stacking the deck under of the complimentary laughter of the complimentary laughter have a sensational gain of nine and a made a sensational gain of nine and a I'm conducting, any way? retorted Herr Pluto, stacking the deck under cover of the complimentary laughter of the players. 'Chase out on the outskirts and play Old Maid.'

Was the day that the bottom dropped out of the stock market. Tuesday, however, prices rallied, and St. Paul made a sensational gain of nine and a fraction points.

of the players. 'Chase out the skirts and play Old Maid.'

"There were tears in Myer's eyes as he turned away.

"This certainly is hell,' he burbled. 'But within five minutes he was back again, with a grin so wide that it wet the lobes of his ears.

"'Give me two stacks,' he ordered, working on took effect on Friday night."

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An Incentive to Goodness.

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(Atlanta Constitution.)

In Cherokee county, this state, lives Elijah Houston, one of the old ante-bellum darkles, who will soon see his 169th year. The local paper says he is 'hale and hearty, and still finds strength to make plenty of hog and hominy.' Of this worthy member of his race Brother Dickey said:

"Hit's des lak I tol' you—de good niggers live a long time in Georgia, en dey friends never makes any motion ter lynch 'em."

Due to the Fish. (Philadelphia Press.) Teacher-And what is the color of Tommy-Blue,
Teacher-Can you give a reason for Tommy-I guess it's 'cause the bluefist that's in it ain't fast color.

Right at Home. (Chicago Daily News.)
"I tell you, old man, I would like to be over in the Philippines and see a town sacked."
"You don't have to go to the Philippines. Just be in St. Louis when the poodlers are at work."

Difference of Opinion. (Brooklyn Life,)

Davis

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